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Region VIII

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Maggie Anderson, Medicaid Director
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North Dakota Department of Human Services
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RE: North Dakota #11-003

Dear Ms. Anderson:

We have reviewed the proposed State Plan Amendment (SPA) submitted under transmittal number (TN) 11-014. The purpose of this SPA is to establish compliance with section 2301 of the Affordable Care Act regarding services provided in freestanding birth centers. North Dakota does not have freestanding birth center facilities in the State therefore the amendment establishes that these services are not covered in North Dakota Medicaid.

Please be informed that this State Plan Amendment is approved effective July 1, 2011. We are enclosing the CMS-179 and the amended plan page(s).

If you have any questions concerning this amendment, please contact Sophia Hinojosa at (303) 844-7129.

Sincerely,

/s/

Richard C. Allen
Associate Regional Administrator
Division for Medicaid and Children's Health Operations

CC: Mary Lou Thompson